

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for routing Internet-type messages from a computer workstation to a digital telephone having a display, said method comprising:
 - a) coupling the computer workstation to a TCP/IP network;
 - b) coupling the digital telephone to the TCP/IP network;
 - c) providing the computer workstation with a browser program which supports messaging plug-ins, each of said messaging plug-ins being assigned a selected port; and
 - d) providing messaging redirector plug-ins for the browser program which each replace a corresponding messaging plug-in and are each assigned to a same said selected port to allow the digital telephone to log on to the computer workstation and each of said messaging redirector plug-ins using a respective said selected port to forward selected messages to the digital telephone logged on to the workstation.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the digital telephone and the computer workstation are directly coupled to said TCP/IP network.
3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the TCP/IP network is the Internet.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the TCP/IP network is a LAN.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
 - e) coupling the computer workstation to the Internet.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via a PBX network coupled to a server computer coupled to the TCP/IP network.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via the PSTN coupled to a PBX network coupled to the TCP/IP network.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via a wireless connection to a PBX network coupled to the TCP/IP network.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via a wireless connection to the PSTN to a PBX network coupled to the TCP/IP network.

10. (previously presented) An apparatus for routing Internet-type messages from a computer workstation to a digital telephone having a display, said apparatus comprising:

a computer workstation coupled to a TCP/IP network;

a digital telephone coupled to the TCP/IP network;

a browser program which supports messaging plug-ins installed on said computer workstation, each of said messaging plug-ins being assigned a selected port; and

at least one messaging redirector program appearing as a plug-in to the browser program, said messaging redirector program allowing said digital telephone to log on to said computer workstation and said messaging redirector program using a respective said selected port to forward selected messages to said digital telephone once it has logged on to said workstation.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein:

said digital telephone and said computer workstation are directly coupled to said TCP/IP network.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

the TCP/IP network is the Internet.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

the TCP/IP network is a LAN.

14. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein:

said computer workstation is coupled to the Internet.

15. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

said digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via a PBX network coupled to a server computer coupled to the TCP/IP network.

16. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

said digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via the PSTN coupled to a PBX network coupled to the TCP/IP network.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

said digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via a wireless connection to a PBX network coupled to the TCP/IP network.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

said digital telephone is coupled to the TCP/IP network via a wireless connection to the PSTN to a PBX network coupled to the TCP/IP network.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said messaging plug-ins include plug-ins to handle each of news groups, stock quotes, news headlines, weather reports, auction information, instant messaging and electronic mail, and the step (d) of providing messaging redirector plug-ins for the browser program comprises the steps of:

- i) providing said messaging redirector plug-ins;
- ii) replace a corresponding messaging plug-in in said browser program;

- iii) assigning each provided said messaging redirector plug-in the same said selected port as a replaced said corresponding messaging plug-in;
- iv) allowing the digital telephone to log on to the computer workstation; and
- v) using a respective said selected port by each said messaging redirector plug-in to forward selected messages to the digital telephone.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital telephone is coupled to a PBX network, said messaging redirector program forwarding said selected messages over said respective selected port to said PBX, said PBX forwarding the messages to the digital telephone.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said messaging plug-ins include plug-ins to handle each of news groups, stock quotes, news headlines, weather reports, auction information instant messaging and electronic mail.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a PBX network, said digital telephone being coupled to said PBX network, said messaging redirector program forwarding said selected messages over said respective selected port to said PBX, said PBX forwarding the messages to the digital telephone.